GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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SUNFLOWER CULTIVATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have started sunflower cultivation in Orissa;

(b) if so, the total hectares of land brought under its cultivation in the State;

(c) whether any step has been taken to promote said cultivation in the KBK districts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The total area under sunflower cultivation in the State of Orissa during the year 2001-02 is 8.3 thousand hectare.

(c)&(d): Yes, Sir. A Centrally Sponsored Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) is inoperation in the State of Orissa for increasing the production of oilseeds including sunflower cultivation. The scheme is being implemented in 13 districts including Kalahandi, Bolangir and Koraput(KBK) for increasing the production of sunflower cultivation including other oilseed crops.The scheme provides assistance on various inputs like production and distribution of seeds, distribution of seed minikits, distribution of improved farm implements, sprinkler sets, rhyzobium culture and micro nutrients etc. In order to disseminate the production technology amongst the farmers frontline demonstrations are organized by the I.C.A.R. and block demonstrations areorganized by the State Deptt. of Agriculture.